

4 December 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Materials Division

FROM: Chief, Fuels and Power Branch

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for November 1958

## I. Accomplishments:

## A. Reports Completed and Forwarded:

1. Project 20.1776, The Role of the Soviet Raw Material and Energy Base in Economic Growth. The M/FP contribution on solid fuels was forwarded to the project coordinator.
2. Report of the JAEIC Economic Working Group was completed for the group by the branch which participated both in formulation and reproduction of the report.

## B. Support Projects Completed:

1. Project 00.2416, Priority Gaps in Intelligence. The contribution on fuels and power in Hungary was forwarded.
2. Project 00.2438, The Soviet Seven Year Plan. The contribution was forwarded.

## C. Support Activities:

1. A contribution was prepared for the OCI Periodic Requirements Lists for the USSR and Soviet Bloc and for the European Satellites for the period January - April 1959.
2. Evaluations of the Reports of the Electric Power Delegation to the USSR were prepared for OO.

## D. New Development Observed:

Current study for the East German NIS has brought to our attention a shift in the pattern of operation of the East German refining industry. Production of synthetic oil is giving way to increased refining of imported crude oil. Increased attention will be given to how this shift will affect the East German energy balance, cost structure, transport problems, and CEMA efforts at integrated development.

## II. Program:

## A. Projects Cancelled:

Project 28.2337, Production of Coal in Communist China, 1957, 1962, and 1967 was cancelled for lack of manpower.

## B. Projects Postponed:

The deadline for Project 20.1881, Electric Power Consumption in the USSR was postponed from 1 November 1958 to 1 July 1959.

## C. Projects Suggested:

M/FP agreed to support S/TR on Project 43.2307, Pattern of Petroleum Traffic in the USSR 1953-1957. The contribution is desired by 2 February 1959. It is estimated that approximately 100 hours will be required for its preparation. Authorization for such support has not yet been received.

## III. Administration:

## A. Personnel:

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1. [REDACTED], Intelligence Assistant in the Satellite Section, resigned.  
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2. [REDACTED] was transferred from analytical duties in the USSR Petroleum Section to the USSR Electric Power Section.

## B. Ad hoc Research Groups:

Asian Section personnel have initiated a series of discussions with representatives of other Branches in the Materials Division who are concerned with the current NIE on China. The purpose of these discussions is to exchange ideas concerning the validity of Chinese claims of accomplishments under the leap forward program.

## C. Training:

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1. [REDACTED] is taking the O/TR German Workshop course.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] completed the Photo Interpretation Course which ended 20 November 1958.

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3. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] attended the 5th annual conference of the Atomic Industrial Forum at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D. C. on 10 November 1958.

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4. [REDACTED] was given a language achievement award for progress to high level proficiency in the Russian language.

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5. [REDACTED] was presented an award for elementary proficiency in the German language.

## D. Trips:

On 5 November, twenty-five persons from ORR, OCR, and OO visited Safe Harbor, Pennsylvania to tour the hydroelectric plant and the unique facilities of the "river coal" plant which recovers anthracite coal deposited in the Susquehanna River and prepares it for use at a thermal power plant in Holtwood, Pennsylvania. Six members of the Branch made the trip. Arrangements for the tour were made by [REDACTED]

## IV. Comments:

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